

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the paragraph at page 4, line 27, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

In order to achieve the abovementioned object, the printing apparatus of the invention comprises ~~an~~ a printer body having a setting surface on which a printing surface of a printing medium is horizontally set, a carriage beam that is attached to the printer body and extends in the direction along the setting surface, and a carriage provided so as to be movable in the beam lengthwise direction of the beam with respect to the carriage beam, and is equipped with an ink head which is mounted on the carriage and has a nozzle for discharging ink, wherein the carriage is provided with a carriage supporting means for supporting the carriage on the carriage beam in a manner enabling the carriage to move up and down, an ink receiving part for receiving ink discharged from the ink head, and a receiving part supporting means for supporting the ink receiving part in a manner enabling it to reciprocate between an ink receiving part below the ink head and a withdrawn position separated from the ink head while maintaining the horizontal posture. Thereby, with the simple structure in which the carriage is raised and lowered, flushing can be carried out as appropriate even during printing processing by advancing or retreating the ink receiving part.

**Please replace the paragraph at page 10, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

In the carriage beam 23, a belt laying groove 23a is formed so as to extend in the lengthwise direction, and in this belt laying groove 23a, a beam belt ~~23~~23b is disposed so as to be rotatable forward and backward.

**Please replace the paragraph at page 16, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

In order for the control device 3 to make this control, in this embodiment, as shown in Fig. 5, on the program of the computer composing the control device 3, a printing function 31 for printing on the basis of image data stored in a storage ~~31~~ of the control device 3, a flushing control function 32 for controlling the ink head 6 so as to discharge (flushing) ink from the nozzle of the ink head 6

at a predetermined timing, a carriage driving control function 33 for lowering the carriage 5 to the printing position with respect to the carriage beam 23 when printing and raises the carriage 5 so as to separate from the setting surface 21 when flushing, and an ink receiving part driving control function 34 for moving the receiving part supporting means 9 so as to position the ink receiving part 8 at the withdrawn position when printing and to position the ink receiving part 8 at the ink receiving position when flushing, are constructed.

**Please replace the paragraph at page 19, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

As image data to be created by the image data creating device 4, image data is ~~crated~~created by properly arranging image patterns of a plurality of parts including a front section, a rear section, and sleeves according to a region with the size of the fabric F to be printed, however, the invention is not limited to this, and for example, image data including image patterns formed on almost the entire surface of the fabric F by only leaving both ends in the width direction of the fabric F, that is, so-called selvages can be used.